



DPS Fallen Officer Memorial Ceremony

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

Monday, May 5, 2014, 9 a.m.

DPS Headquarters

Thank you, Sergeant Chavez.

And good morning, everyone.

It is a solemn occasion – yet a great honor – to be here today as we pay tribute to the brave officers who gave their lives to protect their fellow Arizonans.

Today, we stand and remember the courage, fortitude, and sense of duty of the fallen men and women who valiantly wore the uniform and badge of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

There is no bigger sacrifice -- no greater demonstration of dedicated service -- than the bravery our sworn law enforcement heroes exhibit ... and the risk they accept every single day to protect us.

Since 1958, 29 Arizona DPS officers have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

It was just one year ago that we lost Officer Tim Huffman, a 14-year veteran.

Officer Huffman was doing his duty ... guarding us from those who would do us harm ... keeping our roads safe ... serving as the front line protector in our justice system.

Today, we will dedicate Officer Huffman's name plaque on the Memorial Wall.

Some of Officer Huffman's family and friends are here with us -- and our hearts and gratitude continue to be with them

Their grief is a stark reminder that the work of a DPS officer is not just a job ... it is a calling that affects the entire family.

And we thank you for your sacrifices, as well.

On behalf of a grateful State of Arizona ... our hearts, prayers and respect go out to each of you. May God's goodness and love help ease the pain of this great loss.

At this time, let us also wish peace and solace to all of the 29 families of fallen Arizona DPS officers ... whose selfless devotion over the years reminds us that freedom and safety in our community can come at a tremendous price.

Their brave service reaffirms our unwavering and spirited support of all of our DPS officers.

We are grateful for their courage, their integrity, their dedication to duty, and their devotion to the community, state and nation they serve.

The service and sacrifice of these men and women will forever be etched on this Memorial wall ... their memories forever in our hearts.

May God bless these fallen officers, their families, and ALL our brave and noble DPS officers. May He protect them as they serve to protect us.

And may God always bless the great state of Arizona, and the United States of America.

Thank you.